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**GOV. EASLEY SIGNS HB 340 TO ALLOW LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS FLEXIBILITY
TO CHANGE MAKE UP SCHEDULE FOR DAYS LOST TO SNOW AND ICE STORM**

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley today signed legislation to allow local school systems the flexibility to use instructional hours instead of days to make up for missed school lost to damaging storms.

Earlier this year, snow and ice storms knocked out power and disrupted services to hundreds of thousands of households, and numerous businesses and public institutions.

House Bill 340 allows instructional hours to be used for up to three days of missed school. The legislation amends General Statute 115C-84.2(a)(1) to provide that a school calendar shall include either a minimum of 180 days or 1,000 instructional hours. The law becomes effective immediately and only applies to the 2002-03 school year.

The law further allows teachers and other school employees to be compensated as if they had worked the days being made up, if a local school board elects to add instructional hours to previously scheduled days.

Introduced by Rep. Earline Parmon of Winston-Salem, HB 340 passed the House by a vote of 94-13 and the Senate by 36-9.

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